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OIL STEAMER COMMUNIPAW
SUNK BY SUBMARINE IN
MEDITERRANEAN.

ANOTHER FLEES FROM DIVER

American Steamer Petrolite Escapes
After Being Shelled by Austrian
Craft—One of Crew Is
Wounded.

Rome, Dec. 8.—The American oil steamer Communipaw has been sunk by a submarine in the Mediterranean, near Tobruk, Tripoli.

No information has been received concerning the crew or the nationality of the submarine.

The Communipaw was recently held by the Italian government at Genoa, Italy. The vessel was released on December 2, owing to representations made to the government by the American embassy at Rome.

The Standard Oil company of New Jersey owned the Communipaw, which sailed from New York October 27 for Egypt.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Differences between the United States and the two central empires of the world were intensified by the following incidents: Cruiser Des Moines reported an Austrian submarine had fired on an American ship, Petrolite, in the Mediterranean, wounding one man aboard.

Secretary Lansing of the state department replied to Germany's request for America's reasons for asking the recall of Captain Boy-Ed and Captain von Papen, the German naval and military attaches, respectively.

The dispatch from the Des Moines came from Crete, and reported that the following wireless message was picked up Sunday: Petrolite, Alexandria, N. Y. to New York, Dec. 8, 1918. The ship was attacked by a submarine Sunday morning at 6:30, longitude 32.2; north, latitude 36.8 west. One man not seriously injured.

The commander of the cruiser said he had obtained from the commander of the Petrolite the additional information that the submarine which attacked the American steamer flew the Austrian flag and "looked like a big cruiser." The man who was wounded was struck by a fragment of an explosive shell fired from the submarine. The attack took place about 350 miles west of Alexandria and off the western end of the island of Crete.

The navy department said that the result of the attack on the Petrolite was that the state department, where it was said nothing could be done until further facts were supplied. It was inferred from the dispatch that the Petrolite had been fired on during a successful attempt to escape.

It was further stated that the captain disregarded a demand to submit to search there probably was an attempt to make a diplomatic incident of the case.

Secretary Daniels said he had not instructed the commander of the Des Moines to make any further investigation. It is assumed that no more will be heard from the Petrolite until it arrives at Gibraltar.

If it can be shown that the Petrolite was trying to escape and that the result of the attack on an American was injured the issue with Austria will grow rapidly in acuteness if no warning was given.

ST. LOUIS WINS CONVENTION

Democratic National Committee Votes
In Favor of Missouri City—
Chicago Second.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Chicago lost the Democratic national convention to St. Louis on Tuesday night when the Reed of Missouri needed help in his senatorial candidacy and because the Democratic national committee did not think Chicago should have both conventions. The deciding vote was St. Louis, 28; Chicago, 15 and Dallas, 9.

Democratic committees were told a result of the convention was that it is a foregone conclusion Chicago will be given the Republican convention when the G. O. P. committee meets in Washington next week. The Democratic convention was presented as the only chance St. Louis had, because the word had been passed around that the Republican convention would go to Chicago even if the Democrats lost the election.

Roger Sullivan addressed the committee in behalf of Chicago, but, as one of the Chicago delegation expressed it afterwards, the "cards were stacked against them."

On the first ballot St. Louis got 25 votes, Dallas was second with 14 and Chicago trailed with 13. Lacking a majority, a second ballot was necessary. On the second ballot Chicago gained two votes and passed Dallas. But St. Louis gained three and had a majority.

NEW BRITISH LEAN DENIED

London, Dec. 9.—The British government has no intention of raising a fresh war loan until the new year is well advanced, says the Times, and reports of a projected forced loan are inaccurate.

Plan Huge Steel Merger.
New York, Dec. 9.—Rumors in New York, with an echo from Pittsburgh, told of a proposed merger of three large independent steel companies into one concern capitalized at \$150,000,000.

Sent to U. S. by Russia; Suleide, Wilmington, Dec. 9.—Col. B. P. Pomeroy, a representative of the Russian government to look after the performance of contracts for munitions, committed suicide here. The cause of the act is not known.

Admiral Ludlow Stricken.
New York, Dec. 8.—Rear Admiral Nicoll Ludlow, U. S. A., retired, is in a serious condition at his hotel as a result of an attack of apoplexy suffered here. He was accidentally found stricken by a housekeeper.

\$2,613,150.00 for Germany.
Berlin, Dec. 8.—The amount paid in cash by subscribers to the third German loan in the last week of November was about 381,000,000 marks. This brought up the total paid to 10,452,000,000 marks (\$2,613,150,000).

St. Paul Has Costly Blaze.
St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 9.—Damage estimated at \$200,000 resulted here by fire which swept the buildings of F. J. Leslie & Co., wholesale paper dealers, and Barrett & Barrett, wholesale grocers and glassware house.

Allies' Cruiser Hit.
Constantinople, Turkey (via London), Dec. 9.—The Turkish navy office announced that in the fighting at the Dardanelles a cruiser of the allies had been hit three times and forced to retire.

Escapes From Submarine.
New York, Dec. 7.—Capt. Stimson, U. S. A., escaped from a submarine which was chased by a submarine, said a heavy sea was the chief factor in enabling the steamer to escape.

Big Fire in Maquoketa, Ia.
Maquoketa, Ia., Dec. 7.—One hundred thousand dollars worth of the Stevens block was destroyed. Carroll Phillips, a fireman, is in the hospital with injuries.

Serb Officials at Saloniki.
Athens, Dec. 8.—A member of the Serbian chamber of deputies and the minister of war have arrived at Saloniki, while the minister of finance is at Florina, Greece, 15 miles south-east of Saloniki.

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THE SITUATION IN SERBIA



1—Montenegrins are repulsed by Austrians while attempting counter-attacks on invaders across Montenegro frontier near Plevlje. 2—Serbians kill Serbians on Albanian frontier southwest of Skutari. 3—Serbians kill Serbians on Albanian frontier southwest of Skutari. 4—London reports allies' line on Cherna-Korvack front, east of Vardar river is being reestablished. 5—Railway communication between Nish and Sofia is reestablished.

ATTACHES TOO ACTIVE

BOY-ED AND VON PAPPEN DE-
CLARED PERSONA NON GRATA.

Secretary Lansing Asks That German
Officers Be Recalled—Admitted
Conspiracy in U. S.

Washington, Dec. 8.—The state department announced formally on Friday that it had asked for the recall of Captain Boy-Ed and Captain von Papen, naval and military attaches, respectively, of the German embassy here because of the "objectionable activities in connection with military and naval matters."

Secretary Lansing informed Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, that Captain Boy-Ed, naval attaché to the German embassy, had rendered himself persona non grata to the United States government as the result of his connection with the conspirators of the Hamburg-American line, who were found guilty in New York.

The state department was believed to be of the opinion that as Captain Boy-Ed had admitted his connection with the financing of the operations which the New York jury gave a verdict of being illegal there was nothing else to do but inform the German government of his views.

Secretary Lansing issued this statement: "On account of what this government considers improper activities in military and naval matters this government has requested the immediate recall of Captain Boy-Ed, German naval attaché, and Captain von Papen, German military attaché, as they are no longer acceptable to this government."

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FAIR PRIZES TO BE PAID IN FEBRUARY

PREMIUM WINNERS MUST WAIT
UNTIL APPROPRIATION
IS AVAILABLE.

NORGORD OBTAINS RULING

Under New Law Money Cannot Be
Borrowed to Meet Claims According
to the Opinion of Attorney
General Owen.

Madison.—The state board of agriculture has no way of getting money to pay the premiums awarded at the 1914 state fair until after the taxes are collected and the appropriation made by the last legislature becomes available, according to an opinion given by Attorney General W. C. Owen to Commissioner Norgord of the department of agriculture.

Heretofore it has been the practice of the state board of agriculture to borrow money to pay the premiums and repay it when the revenues were available. Under the new law creating the department of agriculture this can not be done, according to the attorney general.

In his letter to the attorney general Commissioner Norgord calls attention to the fact that people who have been awarded premiums naturally have become anxious about this time of year, and that their complaints of failure to pay requires much correspondence and takes up much of the time of the clerical force that might otherwise be profitably employed.

Under the opinion of the attorney general it will be necessary for premium winners to wait until some time in February for payment.

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N. W. LIFE LOSES SUIT

SUPREME COURT SAYS STATE
PROPERLY COLLECTED TAXES.

WISCONSIN FAIR TO BE HELD SEPT. 9-17

BOARD TO DECIDE WHETHER THE
SHOW WILL LAST FULL
EIGHT DAYS.

Madison.—The Northwestern Life Insurance Co. lost in its attempt to recover from the state nearly \$1,000,000 in taxes paid under protest in 1912 and 1913 to satisfy the statute requiring the company to pay an annual license fee of 3 per cent upon its gross income from all sources, through the action of the supreme court in dismissing the complaint of the company on its merits. The opinion was written by Chief Justice Winslow.

The case, involving one of the most important pieces of financial legislation in recent years, will probably be carried by the company to the United States supreme court on the ground that the statute is in violation of the rights of interstate commerce. The decision has an important bearing on the case yet unargued before the supreme court in which the company is seeking to recover over \$1,000,000 paid as taxes for 1914 and 1915.

Had the decision been in favor of the company, the action of the state treasury would have been seriously affected, and the legislature would not only have been compelled to make appropriations to pay back the taxes already paid in, but to provide additional revenue to make up the loss in the future.

This was an action brought by the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co. to recover back the taxes which it had paid of \$987,816.15 paid by it under protest as taxes for the privilege of doing business in Wisconsin for the years 1912 and 1913, the amounts paid being \$495,193.13 on Feb. 29, 1912, and \$492,623.02 on March 1, 1913.

SON CHARGED WITH MURDER

Shawano Youth Found Guilty of Man-
slaughter Is Sentenced to Seven
Years in Prison.

Shawano.—Julius Herms, charged with killing his father, was found guilty of manslaughter in the first degree, and was sentenced to seven years in the penitentiary. His brother was discharged. The case was heard before Judge Goodland of Appleton, sitting at Shawano.

It was brought out in testimony that father and son had been in a quarrel, and the defendant's lawyer claimed both had been drinking heavily. When they reached home there was a quarrel, which ended in the father being killed in the barn. The body was found on the railroad tracks some distance away, and it was charged the son, aided by his brother, had taken the body there in a carriage and placed it on the rails, where it was run over by a Northwestern train.

GIVES RELIC TO MUSEUM

Former State Senator Bishop of Somers
Presents Valuable Documents to
Smithsonian Institute.

Racine.—Former State Senator Isaac T. Bishop of Somers, who owns a valuable collection of old documents, has announced that it was his intention to present to the Smithsonian institution in Washington his most cherished relic, one of the three original drafts of the declaration of independence, containing pen portraits of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Roger Sherman and Robert Livingston. The document was carried to France by Gen. Lafayette and later to Ireland, where it remained until finally returned to America.

MAIL CLERKS MAKE PROTEST

Recent Order Requiring Them to
Make Their Residences Either in
Chicago or Minneapolis.

Portage.—Railway mail clerks residing at intermediate state points are entering protests against the system inaugurated by the postoffice department which requires them to make their residences either in Chicago or Minneapolis. There are about twenty-five clerks who have homes in Portage, and a mass meeting was held at the city hall in which the business men's association joined, and resolutions of protest will be forwarded to Senators La Follette and Hastings, as well as Congressmen Burke and Esch. It appears that many of the clerks are present at the meeting of runs are required to "head-hunt" back from Chicago to their homes in Portage and Watertown and then return to Chicago to take their run to Minneapolis.

CLARKE NAMED BY SENATE

Arkansas Member Chosen President
Pro Tem. Over Pomeroy of
Ohio After Hard Fight.

Washington, Dec. 6.—Senator Clarke of Arkansas was elected president pro tem of the senate on Friday by a vote of 23 to 23. Clarke was elected in the caucus of state Democrats after more than two hours of continuous balloting. Friends of Senator Pomeroy of Ohio made a hard fight to defeat the senator from Arkansas, but could muster only 23 votes.

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Secretary Lansing of the state department replied to Germany's request for American reasons adding the recall of Captains Boy-Ed and von Papen. The reply said merely each attack was personal and grata because of his naval and military activities.

The dispatch from the Des Moines came from Genoa, Italy, and reported that the following wireless message was picked up Sunday:

"American submarine Petrolite, Alexandria to New York, attacked and sank submarine Sunday morning at 6:20, longitude 32.5 north, latitude 26.8 west. One man seriously injured."

The commander of the cruiser said he had obtained from the commander of the Petrolite the additional information that the submarine fired on the American flag and sank a big cruiser. "This man who was wounded was struck by a fragment of an explosive shell fired from the submarine. The attack took place about 250 miles west of Alexandria and off the western end of the island of Crete."

The navy department transmitted the report to the state department, where it was said nothing could be done until further facts were supplied. It was inferred from the dispatch that the Petrolite had been fired on during a successful attempt to escape. If her captain disregarded a demand to submit to search there probably was no attempt to make a diplomatic incident of the case.

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Washington, Dec. 9.—Chicago lost the Democratic national convention to St. Louis on Tuesday. Because Senator Reed of Missouri sought help in his senatorial candidacy and because the Democratic national committee did not think Chicago should have both conventions. The deciding vote was St. Louis, 28; Chicago, 15 and Dallas, 9.

Democratic committee members were told that it is a foregone conclusion that Chicago will be given the Republican convention next week. The Democratic convention was presented as the only chance St. Louis had, because the word had been passed around that the Republican convention would go to Chicago even if the Democrats also selected that city.

Senator Lewis addressed the committee in behalf of Chicago, but, as one of the Chicago delegation expressed it afterwards, the "cards were stacked against them."

On the first ballot St. Louis got 25 votes, Dallas was second with 14 and Chicago trailed with 13. Lacking a majority, a second ballot was necessary. On the second ballot Chicago gained two votes and passed Dallas. But St. Louis gained three and had a majority.

New British Loan Denied.
London, Dec. 9.—"The British government has no intention of raising a fresh war loan until the new year is well advanced," says the Times, "and reports of a projected forced loan are inaccurate."

Plan Huge Steel Merger.
New York, Dec. 9.—A merger of New York, with an act from Pittsburgh, took of a proposed merger of three large independent steel companies into one concern capitalized at \$150,000,000.

Sent to U. S. by Russia; Suicide.
Wilmington, Del., Dec. 8.—Col. B. Paramore, a representative of the Russian government to look after the performance of contracts for munitions, committed suicide here. The cause of the act is not known.

Admiral Ludlow Stricken.
New York, Dec. 8.—Rear Admiral Nicol Ludlow, U. S. N., retired, in a serious condition at a hospital as a result of an attack of apoplexy suffered here. He was accidentally found stricken by a housekeeper.

\$2,615,150,000 for Germany.
Berlin, Dec. 8.—The amount paid in cash by subscribers to the third German loan in the last week of November was about \$2,615,150,000 marks. This brought up the total paid to \$10,452,000,000 marks (\$2,615,150,000).

St. Paul Has Costly Blaze.
St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 9.—Damage estimated at \$300,000 resulted here by fire which swept the buildings of F. J. Leslie & Co., wholesale paper dealers, and Barrett, Barrett, wholesale vinegar and glassware house.

BERLIN SEEKS FACTS

WISHES TO KNOW WHY RECALL
OF BOY-ED AND VON PAPPEN
IS REQUESTED.

MAY CONTEST WITHDRAWALS

American Officials Surprised by Action,
Which Is Contrary to Diplomatic
Usage, in Part—U. S. to Refuse to Give Reasons.

Washington, Dec. 8.—The state department received another inquiry on Monday on the request for the recall of Boy-Ed and von Papen. The inquiry was made by the German foreign office, transmitted by Ambassador Grotto. It was made known officially here that the United States would decline to go into the question of facts on the subject and would not disclose the sources of its information.

Count von Bernstorff presented to the state department a communication asking for the reasons for the request for the withdrawal of Captain Boy-Ed and Captain von Papen, the German naval and military attaches, respectively.

It was stated authoritatively, though not in the communication, that the ambassador would under no circumstances ask the United States to get into the German government's request for the recall of the German government was represented as considering it incumbent upon the United States to return the attaches to safety to German territory and bring their successors here.

All the action is considered by officials of the state department to be contrary to precedents of diplomatic procedure. While conferences upon the subject are in progress the two attaches, Captain Boy-Ed and Captain von Papen, will remain within the United States.

Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, made emphatic denial of reports that Germany or German officials had been concerned in recent attempts to set up a counter revolution in Mexico.

SIX NEW CARDINALS CREATED

Foreign Majority in Sacred College
Reduced—Chicago Appointment
Confirmed by Vatican.

Rome, Dec. 8.—The six new cardinals created, whose names were made public on Monday, are:

Mgr. Giuseppe Maria Mistrangelo, archbishop of Palermo; Mr. Giovanni Cagliero, nuncio for Central American states; Mr. Andrea Furci, Austrian by birth, nuncio at Vienna; Mr. Raffaele Scapellato, archbishop of Vienna; Mr. Giuseppe Siri, apostolic administrator of the majority of the cardinals in the college, the representation now being 23 Italians and 21 foreigners. Formal announcement was also made at the consistory of the following American appointments:

Bishop Giuseppe Glasco, to be bishop of Cleveland; Bishop Mundelein, St. Cloud, Minn.; to be bishop of Buffalo; Mr. Giuseppe Petrilli, to be the apostolic delegate to the Philippines, and Mr. Edward Patrick Rogie, to be administrator of the metropolitan diocese of St. John, N. F. A strong plea for peace was made by Pope Benedict XV at the opening of the consistory at the Vatican. His holiness deplored the horrors of the war which is ravaging Europe and spoke with compassion of the plight of the Armenians in Turkey.

CALL FIVE DEATH PLOTTERS

Federal Grand Jury Returns Indictments
Against Breilung, Fay and
Others—Murder New Charge.

New York, Dec. 8.—Five additional indictments were returned by the federal grand jury on Monday against Robert Fay, Walter Scholz, Max Brodington, Dr. Herbert Klenz, Englebert Bronkhorst, and Paul Dauche. All were charged with conspiracy to murder, to commit assault with deadly weapons and to destroy ships.

The previous indictments against them merely charged them with attempting to destroy ships. The original charge referred to ships presumably owned by the allied nations. The new indictments specifically state that the alleged conspiracy was directed against Americans and ships owned in part or whole in this country.

Assistant District Attorney Knox, who has been in charge of the case, explained that the indictments for conspiracy to commit murder did not necessarily mean that murder was planned, but that men who conspired to commit an act which might result in murder could be charged with the more serious crime.

General Trombi Is Killed.
Rome, Dec. 8.—General Trombi has fallen in the fierce fighting before the Austrian fortress at Gorizia. His death was announced on Monday afternoon in an official bulletin issued here.

Vanderbilt's Mother-in-Law Dies.
New York, Dec. 8.—According to a telegram from Bournemouth, England, received, Mrs. Francis Ormond French, mother of Mrs. Elsie Vanderbilt, died on Monday afternoon.

Hoke Smith to Investigate.
Washington, Dec. 7.—Senator Hoke Smith of Georgia announced that he had decided to introduce a resolution in congress immediately calling for an investigation of the British interference with American trade.

Steamer Clan Macleod Sunk.
London, Dec. 7.—The British steamship Clan Macleod has been sunk in the Mediterranean by a submarine. The Clan Macleod, which displaced 4,796 tons, hailed from Glasgow, and was engaged in oriental trade.

Bonus for Powder Workers.
Tamaqua, Pa., Dec. 6.—An announcement is made by the Atlas Powder company that all employees who have done with the company a year will receive a cash bonus of 10 per cent of their wages.

Allies' Cruiser Hit.
Constantinople, Turkey via London, Dec. 7.—The Turkish war ship announced that in the fighting at the Dardanelles a cruiser of the allies had been hit three times and forced to retire.

Big Fire in Maquoketa, Ia.
Maquoketa, Ia., Dec. 7.—One hundred thousand dollars was the estimated loss sustained when the Stevens block was destroyed. Carroll Phillips, a fireman, is in the hospital with injuries.

THE SITUATION IN SERBIA



1—Montenegrins are repulsed by Austrians while attempting counter-attacks on invaders across Montenegrin frontier near Plevlje. 2—Bulgarian Serbians on Albanian frontier southwest of Pristina. 3—Serbian rear guard on Albanian frontier near Ochrida along Albanian frontier. 4—London reports allies' line on Chorna-Kurvolak front and east of Vardar river is being re-organized. 5—Railway communication between Nish and Sofia is re-established.

ATTACHES TOO ACTIVE

BOY-ED AND VON PAPPEN DE-
CLARED PERSONA NON GRATA.

Secretary Lansing Asks That German
Officers Be Recalled—Admitted
Conspiracy in U. S.

Washington, Dec. 6.—The state department announced formally on Friday that it had asked for the recall of Captain Boy-Ed and Captain von Papen, naval and military attaches, respectively, of the German embassy in London, because of the "objectionable activities in connection with military and naval matters."

Secretary Lansing informed Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, that Captain Boy-Ed, naval attaché, and Captain von Papen, military attaché, had rendered themselves persona non grata to the United States government as the result of their connection with the conspirators of the Hamburg-American line, who were found guilty in New York.

The state department said as Captain Boy-Ed had admitted his connection with the financing of the operations which the New York jury gave a verdict as being illegal there was nothing else to do but inform the German government of its views.

Secretary Lansing issued this statement: "On account of what this government considers improper activities in military and naval matters this government has requested the immediate recall of Captain Boy-Ed, German naval attaché, and Captain von Papen, German military attaché, as they are no longer acceptable to this government."

TELEGRAPHIC NOTES

Philadelphia, Dec. 8.—Officials of the large refinery say the public will be forced to pay at least ten cents a pound for granulated sugar in the next three months, as a result of conditions arising from the war.

Vienna, Austria, Dec. 6 (via London).—The American ambassador, Frederick C. Penfield, repeated his request to the Austrian government that it make a reply to the American note respecting the sinking of the steamship Ancona in the Mediterranean by an Austrian submarine, as a result of which several Americans lost their lives.

Bucharest, Dec. 8.—The Roumanian government has ordered the mobilization of all naturalized foreigners and the foreigners under the protection of the Roumanian law to forty years old.

Sharon, Dec. 8.—The plant of the Driggs-Saunders Ordnance corporation is completely tied up and 900 men are idle owing to a strike caused by the discharge of three workmen.

Paris, Dec. 8.—Under-Lieut. Georges Victor Hugo, grandson of the famous French poet, has been cited in the order of the day and decorated with the cross of war for bravery under fire in the allied offensive in September.

Ford Sends Message to Congress.
On Board Steamship Oscar II at Sea, Dec. 9.—Henry Ford, head of the Ford peace advocates now en route to Europe, has sent a wireless message to congress, asking for support of his plans to end the European war.

Bulgars Are Well Paid.
Herlin, Dec. 9.—Bulgaria will retain not only eastern Serbia, including Nish and Perot, but also Macedonia and a strip of the Danube, giving a common frontier to Hungary and Bulgaria, says a writer in the Vossische Zeitung.

Whitlock Is to Go Back.
Washington, Dec. 7.—State department officials insisted today that Brand Whitlock changed plans to leave for Belgium. They scouted an official press report that Germany was objecting to Whitlock's return.

Hoot Socialists in Rome.
Rome, Dec. 7.—Socialist members of parliament were hooted on the streets of Rome because of attacks made on the government at Friday's session of the chamber of deputies. The session ended in an uproar.

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London, Dec. 6.—A Central News dispatch from Bucharest states that the Austrians have evacuated Lemberg because of the government of attacks on the city during the night. The number 200 fresh cases daily.

Serb Officials at Saloniki.
Athens, Dec. 6.—Members of the Serbian chamber of deputies and the minister of war have arrived at Saloniki, while the minister of finance is at Florina, Greece, 15 miles south-east of Monastir.

FAIR PRIZES TO BE PAID IN FEBRUARY

PREMIUM WINNERS MUST WAIT
UNTIL APPROPRIATION
IS AVAILABLE.

NORGORD OBTAINS RULING

Under New Law Money Cannot Be Bor-
rowed to Meet Claims According
to Opinion of Attorney
General Owen.

Madison.—The state board of agriculture has no way of getting money to pay the premiums awarded at the 1914 state fair until after the taxes are collected and the appropriation made by the last legislature becomes available, according to an opinion given by Attorney General W. C. Owen to Commissioner Norgord of the department of agriculture.

Heretofore it has been the practice of the state board of agriculture to borrow money to pay the premiums and repay it when the revenues were available. Under the new law creating the department of agriculture this can not be done, according to the attorney general.

In his letter to the attorney general, Commissioner Norgord calls attention to the fact that people who have been awarded premiums naturally become anxious about this time of year, and that their complaints of failure to pay requires much correspondence and takes up much of the time of the clerical force employed.

Under the new law the attorney general will be necessary for premium winners to wait until some time in February for payment.

WHITEHEAD IS APPOINTED

Janesville Man Temporary State Chair-
man of Peace League—Will Call
Meeting Soon.

Janesville.—John M. Whitehead, former state senator, has been asked by former President Taft to become temporary chairman of the Wisconsin peace league. He has accepted the position and has written Taft asking for more details as to plan of organization contemplated in Wisconsin.

Senator Whitehead is not one of those who believe in "peace at any price," but has been a believer in arbitration in case of disagreement between nations. He was one of the signers of the original petition for a world congress for peace.

It is understood that within a short time the temporary chairman will call together members of the league who are residents of Wisconsin to form a regularly constituted state committee, and elect a permanent chairman. It is the plan then to follow with the organization of county committees and other officers corresponding closely to those in political organizations.

MAIL CLERKS MAKE PROTEST

Recent Order Requiring Them to
Make Their Residences Either in
Chicago or Minneapolis.

Portage.—Railway mail clerks residing at intermediate state points are entering protests against the system inaugurated by the postoffice department, which requires them to make their residences either in Chicago or Minneapolis. There are about twenty-five clerks who have homes in Portage, and a mass meeting was held at the city hall in which the business men's association joined, and resolutions of protest will be forwarded to the postoffice department.

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According to this account, which has been confirmed, arrests have been made at Bogden.

CLARKE NAMED BY SENATE

Arkansas Member Chosen President
Pro Tem. Over Pomerene of
Ohio After Hard Fight.

Washington, Dec. 6.—Senator Clarke of Arkansas was elected president pro tem. of the senate on Friday by a vote of 28 to 23. Clarke was elected in the caucus of senate Democrats after more than two hours of continuous balloting.

Friends of Senator Pomerene of Ohio made a hard fight to defeat the senator from Arkansas, but could muster only 23 votes.

Plan Mesopotamia Campaign.
Geneva, Dec. 9.—The Germans are preparing on a large scale for operations in Mesopotamia under Field Marshal Baron Koller von der Goltz, who has just been appointed commander of the Turkish forces there.

Flood Drives Back Tatars.
Paris, Dec. 9.—The Germans in the region of the Year have abandoned a great number of their advanced works and because of extensive inundation and the menace of floods, says an official Belgian communication.

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N. W. LIFE LOSSES SUIT

SUPREME COURT SAYS STATE
PROPERLY COLLECTED TAXES.

Action Was Brought to Recover Li-
cense Fees Paid Under Protest
in 1912 and 1913.

WISCONSIN FAIR TO BE HELD SEPT. 9-17

Objectable Features, However, Will
Be Eliminated at the
Exhibitions in
1915.

Madison.—The Northwestern Life Insurance Co. lost in its attempt to recover from the state nearly \$1,000,000 in taxes paid under protest in 1912 and 1913 to satisfy the statute requiring the company to pay an annual license fee of 3 per cent upon its gross income from all sources, through the action of the supreme court in dismissing the complaint of the company on its merits.

The case, involving one of the most important pieces of financial legislation in recent years, will probably be carried by the company to the United States supreme court on the ground that the statute is in violation of the rights of interstate commerce. The decision has an important bearing on the case yet assigned before the supreme court in which the company is seeking to recover over \$1,000,000 paid as taxes for 1914 and 1915.

Had the decision been in favor of the company, the condition of the state treasury would have been seriously affected, and the legislature would not only have been compelled to make arrangements to pay back the taxes already paid in, but to provide additional revenue to make up the loss in the future.

This was an action brought by the Northwestern National Life Insurance Co. to recover back from the state the aggregate sum of \$857,330.45 paid by it under protest as taxes for the privilege of doing business in Wisconsin for the year 1912 and 1913, the amounts paid being \$422,193.13 on Feb. 29, 1912, and \$505,643.22 on March 1, 1913.

SON CHARGED WITH MURDER

Shawano Youth Found Guilty of Man-
slaughter Is Sentenced to Seven
Years in Prison.

Shawano.—Julius Herms, charged with killing his father with a club at their farm home several miles from this city, pleaded guilty in a charge of manslaughter in the first degree, and was sentenced to seven years in the penitentiary. His brother, charged with the crime, was found before charged. The case was heard before Judge Goodland of Appleton, sitting at Shawano.

It was brought out in testimony that father and son had been in Cecil, and the defendant's lawyer claimed both had been drinking heavily. When they reached home there was a quarrel, which ended in the father being killed in the barn. The body was taken away, and the son was charged the son, adding his brother, had taken the body there in a car and placed it on the rails, where it was run over by a Northwestern train.

GIVES RELIC TO MUSEUM

Former State Senator Bishop of Somers
Presents Valuable Documents
to Smithsonian Institute.

Racine.—Former State Senator Isaac T. Bishop of Somers, who owns a valuable collection of old documents, has announced that he has his intention to present to the Smithsonian institution in Washington his most cherished relic, one of the three original pen drafts of the declaration of independence, containing pen portraits of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Roger Sherman and Robert Livingston. The document was carried to France by Gen. Lafayette and later to Ireland, where it remained until finally returned to America.

MANY DIE IN EXPLOSION

Ammunition Factory Destroyed by
Plotters at Halle, Prussian Sax-
ony—Several Arrests Made.

London, Dec. 7.—Destruction of a large ammunition factory at Halle, Prussian Saxony, by an explosion, with the loss of several hundred lives, is reported in a message from Kolding, Denmark, to Copenhagen forwarded by Reuters to the Associated Press.

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BOND ISSUE IS DEFEATED

Waukesha.—The proposition to
bond the city of Waukesha in the
sum of \$150,000 for new school
buildings and sites were defeated at
a special election by a majority of
66. The vote was: For, 1,199;
against, 1,265.

New Rural Route Ordered.
Washington, D. C.—Tri-weekly rural mail service has been ordered established on April 12 on Onondaga, Outagamie county. The length of the route is twelve miles.

Old Time Currier Dead.
Poynter.—Elijah Linkson, 85 years old, one of Poynter's oldest residents, died of heart trouble. He was president of the village of Poynter. He was one of the old time curriers.

Grand Rapids Man Principal Speaker.
Grand Rapids.—Otto R. Reonius, state president of Elks and a resident of this city, was the principal speaker at the Memorial services held in Eau Claire, Sunday, Dec. 6.

Fights Plague in California.
Madison.—A former Wisconsin anti-tuberculosis worker, Miss Edythe L. M. Tate, of Wisconsin, was killed and her husband severely injured by an automobile driven by William Roe.

To Build Municipal Auditorium.
Eau Claire.—Voters of Eau Claire at a special election, declared for a bond issue of \$55,000 to build a municipal auditorium by majority of 162. The vote being 1,259 for, and 1,097 against.

Farmer Accidentally Shot.
Cumberland.—Robert Miller, living seven miles northwest of here, was accidentally shot while hunting rabbits. He tried to scare some rabbits out of the brush with his shotgun when the gun discharged, tearing a hole in his right hand.

Former Medford Boy Enlists.
Medford.—Forrest Bushaw, formerly of Medford, has enlisted in the Sixty-fifth battalion in his regiment.

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ARE IN FAVOR OF "PIKES"

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Madison.—Wisconsin's 1916 state fair will be held Sept. 9 to 17, according to the schedule set by the American Association of Fairs and Expositions at its annual meeting in Chicago at the Auditorium.

The question of whether the fair shall last the full eight days will be determined at a meeting of the state fair advisory board in Madison. Minnesota's fair will be held the week before, and Illinois' the week afterward.

The association at Chicago took up the discussion of the retention of "pikes" at fairs, and it was concluded that the fair advisory board in Madison should be in favor of keeping the pikes, but, however, subject to the laws of Nebraska. In 1914, the "pike" was eliminated, but it was found necessary to establish it again in 1915.

FARMS WILL BE STUDIED

Take Will Be Kept on Products to Find
Out What Branches Con-
tribute to Income.

Grand Rapids.—Through the efforts of W. W. Clark, professor of the university agricultural school of Wisconsin, located in this city, the farmers of this county will be able to study and analyze their farm business and find out what branches are contributing to the income.

H. O. Watrud, who is doing similar work in several Wisconsin districts this year, is in charge of the work in this section and it is worked out in the following manner:

Fifty-one farms in the town of Port Edwards are taken, all lying in the same district with practically the same soil and conditions. The records of the year's production are taken and arranged in such a form so as to show clearly the sources of income. The farmers of the locality will assemble early in December and discuss the results taken up and discussed.

In this way the farmer is getting less out of his land and is getting the same conditions as his neighbor, will be able to get at the bottom of the cause and will have pointed out to him where he is lacking and why.

HEN NEAR WORLD'S RECORD

Oconto Falls Chicken Lays 299 Eggs
in One Year and Sets Example
for Others.

Oconto.—A Plymouth Rock hen owned by Ervin Hamilton of Oconto Falls must be considered a record holder. She has laid 299 eggs in one year, beginning Nov. 13, 1914, and her record closing Nov. 10, 1915. Here is her record of the monthly activity: For 1914—November, 15; December, 27; for 1915—January, 27; February, 24; March, 27; April, 27; May, 28; June, 27; July, 29; August, 26; September, 25; October, 17; November, 10.

Mr. Hamilton kept a record of ten hens whose total production for the year above set forth was 2,042 eggs. This included the prime hen with the record of 299, and made an average for each hen of 204 eggs. Omitting the hen with the high score, the average for the other nine hens is 193.23.

MUST BE SHORT-TERM BONDS

Madison.—The highway commis-
sioners of the state highway commis-
sion have decided that only bonds
aid when bonds are issued for a period
of twenty years for the construction
of highways, but are entitled to state
aid on bonds issued for ten years.

Masons Elect Officers.
Oconomowoc.—The Masonic Blue Lodge has elected officers as follows: W. M., Robert M. Peterson; S. W., P. P. Dittich; J. W., Clarence Schenkel; treasurer, C. L. Peterson; secretary, W. G. Hance; trustee, Otto Spield.

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(Too late for last week.)

Mr. and Mrs. I. Jero culled at the A. Carlson home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wollert visited at S. Iverson's Sunday.

Miss Judith Carlson visited at S. Iverson's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oleson was a guest at the Lundquist home Sunday.

We are glad to see that our road overseer, Thomas Brown, is clearing the brush from the highway and greatly improving them.

Highest prices are paid for eggs at the store.

Mr. and Mrs. Lundquist and Mrs. Thuesman visited at Louis Wollert's Tuesday.

Ray Carlson, Fred Glander, Edna Voller, Seymour Jero and Bonnie Olson enjoyed a day's skating on the pond Sunday.

Mr. Guy Munzberg of Wautoma and Mr. Joseph Brown of Waushara County were seen on our streets Wednesday.

Mr. I. Jero was a shopper in Grand Rapids Saturday.

Mr. Harry Smith from Springfield in this place coming up to see his sister, Mrs. Nellie Brown of Madison, who is visiting here.

Mr. Milo Brown of your city visited the Brown brothers here last week enjoying some rabbit hunting with them.

"Mary," said the sick man to his wife when the doctor has pronounced it a case of small pox, "If any of my creditors call, tell them at last I am in a position to give them something."

CASH PRICES FOR HIDES AND FURS.

Bring your hides and furs to us, we will pay the highest market prices for them. Always take your hides and furs to an exclusive dealer and fur store. We also buy all kinds of junk. Don't forget the place.

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Also-Kan-Tin Chicago Journal.—The which is to build the road in Alaska will come of timber in the Chitina forest for use in construction. This is a good thing, yet it is barely more than the estimated cost of timber in the public lands.

The forest service estimates that there are 800,000,000 feet of lumber every year from National forests within the supply. At \$10 per foot valuation, the forests would yield each year \$8 billion.

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o do your concrete work. You'll be too busy then. Use your spare time this winter to make concrete foundations, walls, floors, blocks, fence posts and tile. The booklet "Concreting in Cold Weather" tells just how to go about it. Ask for a copy.

Now is the Time to Build

Kellogg Bros. Lumber Co.
Grand Rapids, Wis.

Don't Wait Till Spring

Not Necessary To Shop Early

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Black Creek, Wis., Feb. 17, 1912.

Dr. N. A. Goddard,

Dear Sir:—It is with pleasure that I write to you to let you know that after taking seven months treatment I am completely cured. When I first started to doctor with you, I weighed 127 lbs., and now I weigh 149. Have been sick for two years, have doctoring with different doctors, but they didn't help me. They wanted to operate, so one day I met one of your patients, and she told me to come and see you. I am very thankful I did. I am pleased to have my statement published, and hope it will help some one to believe. Wishing you success, I remain,

Yours very Truly,
Mrs. Martha Schinke,
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ARE THESE LETTERS FAKES?

If you doubt their genuineness, write to these people, one or all of them. Then if you want the Truth about your condition come and consult me. Free of charge, on my next visit to Grand Rapids, Tues., Nov. 23, and I will truthfully tell you what is best for your condition, and if I cannot help you I will as truthfully and honestly tell you so. If you cannot call, write me. I will cheerfully answer your letter and send you my free book, "Modern Methods of Treating Chronic Appendicitis, Goitre, Gall Stones, etc." in return for a postal will bring it to you.

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Women suffering with Diseases Peculiar to their Sex may save themselves painful and needless surgical operations, in many cases if they will consult me before allowing such operations.

If you have been deceived and mistreated by so called Specialists, do not think that all Doctors are alike. There are some of us who are Honest and Truthful.

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WORDS OF WARNING FROM FIRE MARSHAL

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The Chief Marshal of Milwaukee properly calls this an appeal to the people to end their own lives.

For the sake of a few paltry dollars realized from the sale of solvents these manufacturers ask us to introduce into every home an invisible, silent, certain and most powerful force of death and destruction, GASOLINE VAPOR.

Every member would object to the presence of gasoline in the home. These dealers, however, but often sell gasoline as freely and as carelessly as water, although gasoline is more dangerous than dynamite.

Concessions and like cleanances only will explain dynamite. Numerous conditions, however, are always present in every home to explode gasoline vapors.

Fifteen to twenty horrible deaths and many serious injuries each year from gasoline explosions in this state.

Tenant of the danger the good housewife will spray bed-room furniture and bedding with gasoline to exterminate vermin, or she will pour it into an open dish to clean gloves or fabrics. The gasoline evaporates very rapidly, the vapor mixes with the air, and this mixture is a powerful explosive.

A lighted match, an open light, the flame of a gas stove or ordinary stove, any source will explode this powerful, death-dealing mixture.

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Over the dollars gained by the solvent people and the ten or fifteen cents saved by the use of a few drops of solvents, the safety of your children and your home; then you will insure gasoline, benzine and naphtha.

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Bulls For Sale.

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James and Edna have sold a Chevrolet touring car to Viertel Bros. of Alton.

Nie Ratelle of Rudolph spent Tuesday in the city looking after some business matters.

Kliner, Lang & Scherman, the oldest hardware firm in Marshfield are closing out their business.

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Game Warden Will Cole of Vesper was in the city on Monday looking after some business matters.

Mrs. Roosen will entertain the ladies society of the Scandinavian foray on Friday afternoon.

J. B. Arph and M. O. Potter departed on Monday for Britten, Minn., to look after some dredging business.

Mrs. August Kruske entertained a number of her lady friends at her home on Friday afternoon in honor of her birthday.

—Fine assortment of pedestals at J. W. Natwick's.

Fred Piltz, the Rudolph Harware man was in the city on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Kampe visited relatives in Arkdale on Sunday.

John Ben has been appointed postmaster of Amherst by President Wilson.

Mrs. Warren Fisher has returned from a visit at the home of her sister, Mrs. E. A. Hanson, at Waupaca.

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Jorgen Halvorsen was able to leave the hospital on Saturday. He is able to be up and about.

John Buckley, who has been located in Colorado for the past couple of years, has returned to this city and expects to stay for some time.

THIS WILL INTEREST YOU!

Saturday and Monday are the dull days in the Laundry Business. We have nothing to do on Monday until our driver gathers up the laundry, and by the time the laundry is marked in, washed and starched, it is late in the afternoon before the laundry gets to our ironing room, so we have 12 girls that have nothing to do until that time, and on Saturday we have to finish our work by 12:00 in order to get all laundry delivered that day.

In order to fill up these two days we will make a special price on finished up family washing. In order to do this we will have to get laundry on Friday and deliver on Tuesday. Ring us up as we can only handle a few washings on these days. First come, first served.

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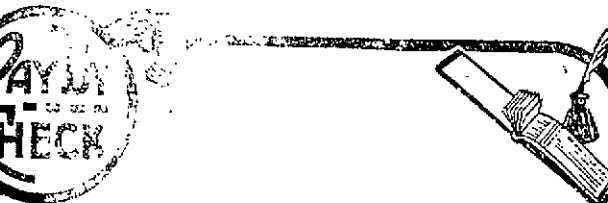
What makes a nicer present than a Cedar Chest for Christmas, sensible, useful and something that every one appreciates. We have something for every member of the family.

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Bank of Grand Rapids

West Side

Mrs. A. B. Borch has returned from a visit at Oshkosh.

Mrs. Claus Johnson returned on Friday from a visit at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Robert Morris at Arpla.

Orson Cochran returned on Saturday from Loyal where he had spent a couple of weeks engaged in tuning pianos.

—Order a case of that Christmas Brew of the Grand Rapids Brewing Company if you want something nice for table use.

J. C. Beimler, who moved to Marshfield several months ago to reside has purchased a home in that city.

Mrs. P. H. Liko's Pleasant Hill was among the business callers at the Tribune office on Tuesday while in the city shopping.

Mrs. W. D. Harvie and children spent several days last week at Oshkosh visiting with Mr. Harvie, who is now located in that city.

P. H. Corryman of Sartell, Minn., spent a couple of days in the city last week visiting his mother and other relatives and friends.

—Christmas Cards, Seals and Tags, a good supply at Otto's.

Low Eron, the plumber, has purchased a chain drive lino, which he will remodel into a delivery truck to be used in his business.

Mrs. R. R. Harvey and little son of Sartell, Minn., spent several days in the city the past week visiting at the home of Mrs. Nan Schlatterer.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Nash of Stevens Point were in the city Thursday afternoon, having driven over to attend the Ladies party that evening.

Merchant A. J. Kajawa and Dr. Jackson of Rudolph were in the city on Friday afternoon to attend a meeting of the Hart Manufacturing Co.

County Superintendent of Schools G. W. A. Varney of Vesper was in the city on Thursday evening to attend the meeting of the Knights of Columbus.

All of the girls working for the Wood County Telephone company were presented with a \$10 bill during the past week as a Christmas present.

Four new members were initiated into the mysteries of the Elk lodge last evening, they being Geo. M. Hill, E. Roenlis, Burr E. Jones and Geo. Arpin.

—Liggett's Pure Apple cider, unfilamented, 10c per can at Otto's.

Charles Klocen, secretary of the Seneca, Sigel and Rudolph insurance company, was in the city on Tuesday looking after some business for his company.

P. H. Davis a former resident of this city who will be remembered by local horsemen is now located at Fairbault, Minn., where he has charge of the race track.

Miss Pearl Scherbert of Stevens Point, aged 24 years, committed suicide at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Scherbert, by taking an ounce of carbolic acid.

—Christmas Brew is a new kind of beer that is being put out by the Grand Rapids Brewing Co. for the holiday trade. Order a case of it and see if it will not please you.

Miss Ruth Rezin of Cranmore submitted to an operation for appendicitis at the Riverview hospital the past week. The operation was successful and Miss Rezin is getting along nicely.

Edward Lynch of Milwaukee spent several days in the city last week visiting with friends and looking after some business matters. Ed is looking well and reports that he is enjoying first class health.

John Bell returned Monday from Middle River, Minn., where he had charge of a dredge for the Road Construction Co. George Forslund and Ray Van Gordon who were working for Mr. Bell returned today.

Grand Rapids theatregoers will have the pleasure of seeing the "Birth of a Nation" pictures in the near future as Mr. Daly informed us that he has a contract with the company to show them here soon.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Scandinavian Moravian church held a successful chicken pie supper at the G. A. R. Hall last Friday. The Dorcas and Willing Workers societies did well on their sales of fancy articles.

While returning from Chicago on Thursday morning, Rogers Mott, who was occupying a sleeper, was not called by the porter until the train had passed Dancy. Mr. Mott went as far as Tomahawk, returning on the noon train.

—Big assortment of Ladies Writing desks at J. W. Natwick's.

Victor L. Stolze of Wausau was in the city on Saturday calling on his trade in this locality. Mr. Stolze conducts a printing office and book binding establishment at Wausau and was looking for business in the latter line.

—We want you to try our Christmas Brew. It has a distinct flavor and is an especially nice beer. A case of it will be just the thing for the holidays.

Leon Arpin cut his hand quite seriously yesterday afternoon while engaged in sharpening a knife in the manual training department of the high school. His wound was dressed by a surgeon and it is expected that he will get along all right.

Westfield Union—A. S. Ingraham and son Harold returned from Grand Rapids Friday noon from a short visit with Mr. Ingraham's sister, Mrs. John Granger and father, J. D. Ingraham. Mrs. Granger and Mr. Ingraham send their regards to all Westfield friends.

The citizens of Waupaca who patronize the street railway are not taking kindly to the incitation of the Electric Light & Railway company's raising the fare out to the Veterans Home from ten to fifteen cents and the matter is being aired before the railroad commission.

John Adler, manager of the Adler opera house at Marshfield, was in the city on Tuesday doing some advertising for his show, "The Birth of a Nation," which will be shown in that city on Friday and Saturday, December 17 and 18. While here Mr. Adler favored the Tribune office with a pleasant call.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mullen and family expect to leave this week for Gainesville, Florida, where Mr. Mullen has accepted a position in a turpentine mill that is being operated by E. H. Rossiter, formerly of Port Edwards. Mr. and Mrs. Mullen will go by way of St. Louis and spend Christmas with a brother of Mr. Mullen's, who lives in that city.

A house belonging to L. M. Lanning, located on the west side in the northern part of the city was destroyed by fire last night. Mr. Lanning and one of the children were asleep in the house when the fire was discovered by neighbors. All of the household goods were saved from the building. The loss is partly covered by insurance. The fire occurred about ten o'clock.

Mrs. E. B. Redford returned on Tuesday from Milwaukee where she had spent several days visiting with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Urbanowski were in Biron Sunday to attend the christening of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Urbanowski's baby.

Miss Leah Stoen departed on Tuesday for a visit with relatives in Evanston and Chicago, expecting to remain over the holidays.

Mrs. George Gilkey, daughter Edna and son Fred of Oshkosh spent several days in the city last week visiting at the Gilkey home.

Mrs. M. A. Hogger and daughter, Violet Rose, returned on Tuesday from Fond du Lac where they had been visiting with relatives for a few days.

Old reliable thermometers in this section gave the temperature as two below zero on Tuesday morning. It was about two degrees warmer this morning, although the difference was hardly noticeable.

—Nothing more beautiful than a good glass of beer occasionally. We are getting out a Christmas Brew that will appeal to everybody who appreciates a nice drink. Grand Rapids Brewing Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Witte shipped their household goods to Sartell, Minn., last week and Mrs. Witte will leave for that place this week. Mr. Witte has been at Sartell for a couple of months past where he is employed.

Word was received from Mrs. R. J. Locke, who is in Sacred Heart Sanitarium, to the effect that she was a little better. This fact will be welcome news to her many friends in this city. Mr. Locke has also been in Milwaukee during the past week.

Ben Smart returned on Saturday from Chicago where he represented the local telephone company at the National telephone convention. Mr. Smart reports a very successful meeting with a large attendance from various points.

O. S. Hanson, Thos. Mayburn, Carl Hanson and Arthur Kracke of Strong Prairie drove to the city on Wednesday. Carl Hanson and Arthur Kracke were on their way to Manitowish where they expect to work during the coming winter. While in the city O. S. Hanson paid the Tribune a pleasant call.

John A. Corcoran of Webster has again been appointed postmaster of that village. Mr. Corcoran has held the position for some time past, but owing to change in the office it was necessary for him to secure the appointment again. John is a Grand Rapids boy and his many friends here will be pleased to hear of his success.

Tomah Journal.—Marion Van Wie, the winsome little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Van Wie of this city, is one of the leading favorites in the long list of contestants and at the rate the votes for her are climbing, she is sure to finish among the winners at the close of the contest on Dec. 22.

—Save money by buying your furniture at J. W. Natwick's.

—BABCOCK.

Mrs. Sam Griffith visited in Mather last Friday.

J. W. Stout was a business caller in Grand Rapids Thursday.

Mrs. Will Butler of Monticello visited old friends here Wednesday and Thursday.

Miss Little and Mr. Hollingshead of New Lisbon visited at the home of Ernie Van Wortner Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. M. O'Brien of Nekeosa accompanied W. H. Clow and wife to Babcock where they visited relatives for the afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Clow expect to make El Paso their home during the winter, having made the southern states their winter home for the past fifteen years, thus avoiding our cold winter months.

Mrs. James McGill visited in Grand Rapids Saturday.

Mrs. J. Strand of Mather was up for the day on Wednesday.

Mrs. Edw. Levin has returned from an extended visit at Marathon City.

Dr. Brost and Clarence Crowley motored over to Nekeosa Sunday and visited with friends.

Mrs. John Kane is now in Chicago receiving medical treatment. Everybody will be glad to hear of her early return.

Harve and Clarence Ward came down from school to spend Saturday and Sunday at home.

Leola Dowden, the oldest child of James Dowden, had a very narrow escape from death last week, when she fell twelve feet from a bar and striking on her side and rendering her unconscious for an hour. She is able to be up and around now but her back is still weak.

Edward Stout returned home Sunday morning from Valparaiso, Indiana, where he has been attending Dodge's school of telegraphy.

Mrs. Elmer Payne visited in Grand Rapids last week.

There will be Mass Sunday the 19th and again the 23rd here.

Wilbur Inks has secured the position as night clerk at the City Hotel. Everybody is glad to hear of his securing the same as Wilbur is certainly a bustling clerk.

—RUDOLPH.

Mrs. A. Blair of Rudolph was in the city Tuesday on her way to Mather to spend a few days visiting her son.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Bays, Jr., of Port Edwards, spent Sunday with the former's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lindehn entertained the East Side Card party Wednesday evening. 15 tables played. After the cards playing a lunch was served, all reporting a fine time.

—Into Mr. and Mrs. G. Johnson, a busy Christmas evening, Dec. 8th. John Johnson is visiting relatives in Little Chute.

Mrs. Wm. Coenen was called to Little Chute on account of the serious illness of her brother.

Mrs. Lena Rayome is still making cards having made 75 yards lately. She made 50 yards for Mrs. Abbie Aker, some for Mrs. C. Albertson and for Mrs. John Keyser.

Mrs. J. A. Jackson and daughter, Janet, were shopping in your city Saturday. The Card Party of the West Side were entertained by Mrs. Vadna Thors, evening. There was a large crowd and all report a good time.

—A. J. Kajawa entertained the Ladies Aid Society Thursday afternoon. All report a fine time.

Mrs. R. A. Wagers leaves today for Park Falls to visit her parents until after the holidays.

The new state graded school was dedicated Monday night. Co. Sup. Geo. Varney and St. Prof. M. H. Jackson gave interesting talks. Principal Childers gave an interesting address. The school sang a Wood county song. Mrs. J. A. Jackson rendered a solo, all of which was greatly appreciated by an audience of over one hundred. A nice lunch was served by the teachers.

Mr. Hackbart of Wausau was a business caller here Monday.

Schoeller and Peller, Green Bay architects, will be here Wednesday to inspect our school as they drew the plans.

Mrs. Witke was called to Chicago Tuesday by the death of her father.

Entertained Her Friends.

Mrs. Daniel J. Arpin delightfully entertained about sixty of her lady friends Saturday afternoon. A rare treat was provided for the entertainment of her guests by the hostess, in the nature of barbeque on interpretation of fancy dancing by Miss Mildred MacKinnon, a real artist in that line. Among the dances interpreted by Miss MacKinnon was "The Dance of the Winds," "Amayilla," "Horn of Pan," and "The Scarf Dance." She was accompanied on the piano by Mr. Raymond Vickers, who also understands the art of accompanying those graceful melodies.

At the close of the program the guests were invited to the dining room, there to enjoy delicious refreshments. A most enjoyable afternoon was spent by all present and Mrs. Arpin received many compliments on her new method of entertaining her friends.

Amadi-Cahill.

Miss Katharine Amadi and Mr. Edward Cahill both of Port Edwards, were married on Thursday at the Catholic church in that village, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Feldman. They were accompanied by Miss Anna Cahill and Claire Timlin of Port Edwards. After the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Amadi. The young couple will make their home in Port Edwards.

Swanson-Drewson.

Miss Selma Swanson and Mr. Clarence Drewson, both of Port Edwards, were married Sunday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Leo Koch in this city. Rev. C. A. Mellicke performing the marriage ceremony. They were accompanied by Miss Della Drewson and Mr. Wm. Schmidt. Following the ceremony a wedding dinner was served, and the young couple left the same evening for Boulder Junction where they will make their home this winter.

Hudley-Bowen.

Miss Marguerite Hudley of New Lisbon and Bradley Bowen of this city were married on December 2d at Neeshah, and will make their home in Winona, where the groom is employed. The groom is well known in this city where he formerly made his home, and has many friends here who wish him success on his journey thru life.

Making Some Improvements.

Reiland & Porcetta have been making some improvements about their meat market during the past few days. Wm. Leder has been doing the carpenter work, and after the changes are made the interior of the shop will be redecorated.

Advertised Mail.

Ladies: Perone, Mrs. Rosetta, Gentlemen: Furumark, Joe, Johnson, Mr. Frank E. Spivey, Mr. John, Stoenegah, Will, Williams, Mr. W. S.,

BIRTHS.

A son to Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Latus. To Mr. and Mrs. Louis Trossen, Monday, November 29th, a son. Mrs. Trossen was formerly Laura Matthews but now resides in Marshfield.

Harry Blackburn is spending several days with his parents at New Lisbon.

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Death of Max Whitney.

Word was received in this city on Thursday of the death of Max Whitney of Chicago, who was found dead on the train only a short distance out of Chicago. Mr. Whitney was a his way home from Washington at the time his death occurred, and occupied a berth on the train. It is supposed that he died from heart failure.

Mrs. J. H. Whitney was a son of Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Whitney, and was born in Grand Rapids. When about fifteen years of age he left here and later studied law, and has been practicing his profession in Chicago for a long time, and has been infinitely successful. He has visited here on numerous occasions and was here only a few weeks ago, his mother and father being buried here. The remains of Mr. Whitney were cremated.

Entertained at Bridge.

Mr. and Mrs. George LaBour entertained a party of friends at their home on Thursday evening at a seven o'clock dinner. There being about forty in attendance. The occasion of the dinner the guests engaged in playing auction bridge, the favors being awarded to Mrs. E. W. Ellis, Mrs. J. Kellogg, Mrs. T. W. Bruzau, and D. D. Conway. The evening was spent very pleasantly.

Will Have New Offices.

District Attorney Roberts has leased the rooms in the Wood County National Bank building formerly occupied by Robert Matthews, and after the rooms have been properly decorated he will occupy them as a law office. The rooms are near the front of the building and face on Vine street and will make very pleasant quarters.

MARKET REPORT.

Hens 3.50
Beef 4.50
Spring Chickens 9.10
Hay, Timothy \$10-12
Potatoes, white50
Triumphs60
Rye, dressed 7.12-8
Oats90
Butter40
Patent Flour30
Rye Flour 6.00
Eggs, fresh35
Veal 9.10
Hicks 14-16

Corn For Sale.

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Death of Joseph Smith.

Joseph Smith, a veteran of the civil war, and an old resident of this section, died at the home of his daughter in Nekeosa on Monday after an illness of about three months. He was 77 years of age and was a member of the Co. G, 12th Wisconsin Infantry. Mr. Smith was for a long time a resident of Grand Rapids, but for the past 16 years has lived with his only daughter, Mrs. Thos. McLaughlin, at Nekeosa. He had many friends in this city and was a man who was well liked by all who knew him.

The funeral occurs this afternoon from the Congregational church in N. Nekeosa.

Entertained Old Friends.

Mrs. H. Tschur entertained a party of the old residents of Grand Rapids at her home on Friday afternoon at a one o'clock dinner. After the dinner the time was spent very pleasantly by those in attendance in social converse. Those present were: Mrs. G. R. Gardner, Mrs. Jane Baber, Mrs. F. W. Hart, Mrs. Elizabeth Daly, Mrs. Kate Townsend, Mrs. Thos. Kabin, Mrs. O. Deas, Mrs. John Andrew, Mrs. S. H. Stuart and Miss Minnie Baker.

Grand Army Officers.

At the last meeting of the Grand Army of the Republic the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Commander: A.

The Wax Clavette

Revelations of An Ambassador-at-Large

Transcribed by H. M. Egbert from the private papers of an Englishman who for a time was an unofficial diplomat in the most secret service of the British Government.

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"At the ball given by a year of Jagov, of the foreign office, of two ago, I noticed as soon as I entered the room that there was a certain atmosphere which was a certain atmosphere to feel. It was not of suspense exactly, but certainly of marked interest in a couple who were among the most tireless of the dancers, and in a blond young officer, in urban uniform, who stood watching them, scowling and pulling his mustache, as he followed their movements with his eyes.

The man I recognized at once. Handsome, black-haired, debonaire as only a Frenchman can be, I had seen him on several occasions, and knew him to speak to slightly. He was Captain Paradis, one of the minor military attaches at the French embassy. The girl I did not know, and, discovering an old friend among those who were congregated about the door watching the brilliant spectacle, I asked him her name.

He looked surprised at my question. "Why, that is the Fraulein Wedenkamp," he answered. "This name, however, is not the one that he gave. One must preserve some shadow of anonymity in such revelations. The heiress of the late cannon maker?" I inquired, with interest. "Assuredly. She only came out this spring, and you can imagine she is a person gratified at my question. 'Why, that is the Fraulein Wedenkamp,' he answered. 'This name, however, is not the one that he gave. One must preserve some shadow of anonymity in such revelations. The heiress of the late cannon maker?'"

"That," answered my friend, smiling, "is what everybody is wondering, and, not least, Captain von Lindorf, to whom, rumor has it, she is supposed to be engaged to be married."

They certainly made an interesting couple as they circled round the enormous ballroom. I saw Herr von Jagov and the crown princess watching them. I saw the princess whisper in the foreign secretary's ear, and von Jagov answer in words, whatever they were, that made her highness raise her eyebrows in surprise. In fact the establishment was rapidly becoming universal. And it was hardly to be wondered at. For each of these two young people had access to secrets of priceless military value.

The knowledge that Fraulein Wedenkamp could place at the disposal of the French government was the equivalent of two army corps. The information locked up in the head of Captain Paradis was worth five extra days of mobilization to the Kaiser's forces. And it was evident that the information was on the part of the young man, and not on that of the calm, fair-haired, blue-eyed, and which self-possessed young woman.

I saw Count von Lindorf's scowl deepen, and I took up my position near him, where I could watch him unobtrusively. At the end of the dance Captain Paradis led his partner to a seat near the door, half hidden by a cluster of large palm trees. I saw the count stroll slowly in that direction. He seemed preoccupied, but I noticed that his lip was twitching.

What happened I could not see, but a moment later I saw von Lindorf and Captain Paradis upon their feet, facing each other, their faces flushed with anger. Then I saw the count bow and proffer his card to the Frenchman.

Captain Paradis seemed to hesitate. Finally, with a gesture that was quite incomprehensible to me, he turned away and walked unsteadily toward the door.

Count von Lindorf looked at the fraulein with a sort of baffled fury; then his face became impetuous, and, shrugging his shoulders, he retired.

The scene had certainly not escaped observation among the personages, exalted and otherwise, who surrounded the crown prince's chair. I saw smiles upon some lips, and upon some faces inquiringly toward Count von Hethmann-Holloway, the imperial chancellor, but he, apparently not wishing to notice the foreign minister's look, remained deep in conversation with a man whom I had not noticed before, but whom I recognized immediately.

The person in reference had at one time looked remarkably like myself. This resemblance had, in fact, given me the clue which enabled me to frustrate a clever trick to steal the Bulgarian mobilization papers. It was on account of this similarity of appearance that I had grown a beard. For I do not care to be mistaken for a certain Louis Welskopf, head of what has come to be known as the International War syndicate.

This syndicate, formed for the purpose of unifying and exploiting the wealth of the world, having ramifications in every capital, and being undoubtedly behind most of the contemporary political intrigue, had decided that, to attain its ends, it must cast in its lot with the Austro-German cause, in its opinion, the future supremacy of the world pertained. It was hand in glove with the cannon makers, the scare mongers, who manipulated the markets for the syndicate—worse than all else, however, was what I knew to be its unshakable determination to bring about that long-expected war cataclysm which my government was striving with all its efforts to avert.

Toward the end of the last dance, when the crown princess endeavored no longer to hide her yawns, Count von Lindorf took up his station beside the door, where I had first seen him.

the crown prince turned to Welskopf.

"Good night, mein herr," he said, bowing.

Welskopf hesitated, and his face assumed an aspect of alarm. "Good night, Herr Welskopf," repeated his highness stiffly, and then the financier, having no alternative, bowed slightly and departed. So there were left only the crown prince and his suite, myself and Captain Paradis. "I shall act on behalf of von Lindorf," said his highness. "No doubt you would welcome the opportunity of a few words with your principal before we consult together."

Captain Paradis drew himself up stiffly, he seemed to have recovered his self-possession in large measure.

"I shall be pleased to see this gentleman at my hotel, the Dijon, at half past eight tomorrow morning," he said.

There was no more to be done. We separated almost immediately, with the understanding that I was to confer with his highness on the morrow, after seeing my principal. But when I fell back with an affection of consternation and waited.

I saw the crown prince offer his arm to the crown princess, escort her from the ballroom, and return. He knew what was about to happen. So did Herr von Jagov, and Welskopf, now smiling a little uneasily, and the imperial chancellor himself, who left rather hurriedly and did not appear upon the scene again.

Captain Paradis offered Fraulein Wedenkamp his arm and attempted to lead her out.

As they approached the door von Lindorf walked slowly toward the Frenchman, and, raising his hand, struck him suddenly across the mouth with such violence that Paradis went staggering back against a palm tree, and fell to the waxed floor among the fanlike fronds and broken pieces of the pedestal.

Fraulein Wedenkamp screamed, and at that moment somebody shut the door. Two spectators about the highness had not relaxed a muscle of their faces, but they had assumed, unconsciously, the aspect of financiers, and learning it, "There was nothing discreditable in the post. Still, it required my movements to be kept as secret as possible at such a time of strained international relations. I was somewhat chagrined, therefore, to

"I greatly regret, Captain Paradis, that I have been compelled to strike you," said von Lindorf gravely. "But I call you to witness that I approached you as a gentleman does, earlier in the evening, and that you refused to act according to the gentleman's code of honor."

"I replied, as I reply now, that I am not at liberty to fight until I have communicated with my government," shouted Paradis.

"Tardieu, Monsieur le Capitaine, but your refusal seemed to me more empty," replied the count bowing ironically. "You told me that you would not fight at all. Will you take up the challenge now?"

"My answer remains the same," replied Paradis hotly.

I do not like to see a man named Lindorf, and noting the looks of universal disfavor which were turned upon the attack I took upon myself the function of intermediary.

"Gentlemen, I think there is a misunderstanding," I said. "Captain Paradis means that he is not at liberty to accept a challenge without his government's permission. Such a situation is well understood, and I think, recognized in certain cases. I am sure that the captain means to give satisfaction when he is at liberty."

"To take satisfaction," interposed Paradis, pressing his handkerchief to his bleeding lip.

I realized then, from the fact that all were watching me, that, without precisely intending to do so, I had, in fact, assumed the task of seconding the Frenchman in the impending duel.

This situation gave me a standing from which to watch developments, and was not unbecome to me.

His highness Prince Frederick William came forward at this juncture and took up his post between the two men.

"Gentlemen, this altercation must end now," he said, "and must not be known outside this room. Monsieur le Capitaine, of course you have no intention of embarrassing international relations?"

"I shall resign my post at the embassy immediately," answered Paradis. The crown prince turned to von Lindorf. "And you, Herr Graf, will you doubtless accept the captain's explanation that he is willing to accord you and receive satisfaction when he is able?"

"I accept your highness's statement to that effect," answered von Lindorf sulkily.

"Then, Herr Graf, you will have the kindness to report yourself to your commanding officer as under arrest, pending court-martial for conduct unbecoming an officer," his highness continued.

The count saluted, and, falling into a military stride, betook himself out of the ballroom, closing the door behind him. Herr von Jagov approached Fraulein Wedenkamp and offered her his arm.

Permit me, mein fraulein, to say.

The girl seemed to hesitate. Her face was ghastly white; she seemed to be suffering more than anyone in the room.

Then Louis Welskopf walked up to her. "Fraulein Wedenkamp understands," he said. "She has acted bravely for the fatherland. She—the girl's shrill cry startled everybody—even the foreign secretary, man of iron that he was."

"I don't want to see him!" she exclaimed, averting her face. "Do not let him speak to me, Herr von Jagov. Yes, I have been brave. I—"

And she began laughing hysterically, and collapsed in the foreign secretary's arms. He soothed her, and she came exceedingly tame, and went to perch on the great singer's finger and take seed and fruit from between her lips.

I shall always remember the

that followed. The swift automobile ate up the miles, flashing along the crowded highways at a pace which left all other traffic far behind. We stopped only once for gasoline and tea at a little farmhouse whose occupants did not suspect our identity.

The shadows of evening fell, and Brugge was far in the distance. It was not until ten o'clock that we saw the huge furnace fires illuminate the landscape.

The crown prince had requested me to take no action except to defend the interests of my principal. Otherwise the matter was to remain in his hands. I did not know what his plans were.

But I began to understand when the automobile, entering the town, slackened speed, traversed the highway leading past the enormous gun foundry, belching soot and smoke fumes at fifty paces, and crawled at a snail's pace past the private grounds of a magnificent mansion, half a mile from the factory entrance.

As we crawled past the entrance I heard the crown prince utter a low exclamation. Straining my eyes, I saw, near the lodge that guarded the approach, a single figure, half hidden among the trees. Wrapped though it was in a long military cloak, I had no difficulty in recognizing Count von Lindorf.

We drew up about two hundred yards farther along the street.

"Herr Lieutenant, you will kindly take charge of the car and keep her moving slowly until midnight," said his highness, "when you will enter the drive of the mansion and wait a little while the gates."

He stepped out, and I followed him. The car crawled slowly away into the darkness. I glanced at my watch; it was eleven o'clock.

"The railroad station lies yonder," said his highness, indicating the district to the east of the factory. "We shall undoubtedly catch Captain Paradis here, before von Lindorf can strike at him."

But it was nearly midnight before we saw the figure of a man who came softly along the road beside the park which formed the back of the Wedenkamp estate.

The garden extended some five hundred feet in front of the house, which was brilliantly illuminated from end to end. I surmised that the captain

was waiting with as much eagerness as he himself appeared to display. He was humming as he passed us, and he walked as though he had no sorrow in the world.

We turned when he had passed, and followed him closely. I saw him glance back at us once or twice. I thought, uneasily. We were almost upon him at the lodge entrance.

Then out of the shadows stepped Count von Lindorf and confronted him.

I saw the captain start; he looked back, and found himself encircled by us.

I must give credit to his quickness of wit in saying that he realized the situation immediately.

"Gentlemen," he began in a low voice, "I am quite aware that you have me at a disadvantage. Nevertheless, I assure you upon my honor that it was my intention to proceed immediately to Berlin to place myself at the disposal of Count von Lindorf."

Absolute silence met his words. He continued:

"His grace will permit me first to enter this house, I pledge myself to return within one hour and be at your disposal."

"No," answered the crown prince quietly, and it was not until then that the count recognized him.

"Sir," he cried passionately, "you will permit me—I will permit me—having found him at these gates—"

"You will have the matter entirely in my hands," Herr Graf, answered the crown prince. "Gentlemen, let us proceed a little way through the lodge gates, so that there will be no danger of interruption. Monsieur le Capitaine, you will excuse me if I take your arm?" he added.

I saw Paradis start at the subtle insult. Yet it was justified, for Paradis had run away before and there was no telling that he might not take advantage of the darkness.

The prince, his arm linked through the captain's, led us across a mowed lawn until we stood in a ring of tall trees that completely concealed us from both road and mansion. We could see each other's faces fairly well in the light of the half moon.

"Now, captain, you recognize your second, no doubt," said the prince, producing from his overcoat a pair of dueling pistols.

"Your highness—" began Paradis, with a gasp in his voice. "If you will permit me—"

"Come, Monsieur le Capitaine, surely you will not have reflections cast upon your courage," said the prince with asperity. "Pretend you are a coward, and that you have had ample time to make your dispositions."

He placed a pistol in the captain's hands—not, however, until he had handed the other to von Lindorf.

"At twelve paces," he said. "You would prefer to measure with me?"

"I am satisfied to leave the matter to your highness," I answered.

Twelve paces were measured off, and we took up our positions with the moonlight favoring both equally.

"They are fair triggers, gentlemen," said the prince, when all the arrangements had been completed. "You will face each other and fire at the count of three. Are you ready?"

They raised their pistols. The count's was aimed steadily at the Frenchman's head. "One!" said his highness.

I stepped from my principal's side. The pistol pointed anywhere but at the count; the captain's distress was dreadful to contemplate. I saw him moisten his dry lips furtively.

"Two!"

Paradis seemed to pull himself together, and his pistol covered the count almost as steadily as von Lindorf's covered his heart.

The shots rang out together. The count remained motionless where he stood. The Frenchman uttered a mirthless laugh, fell on his knees, looked up at us with all the culmination of his despair upon his face, and then fell forward.

"He is dead!" said the crown prince solemnly as he rose from his side.

The pistol ball had penetrated the heart and come out upon the right side of the body.

The crown prince plunged his hand under the clothes and pulled out what looked like a lump of wax, shattered by the ball, but retaining certain conformation like those of the impression of a huge key.

In the center of this amorphous lump was the pistol bullet. The crown prince extracted it, looked at the broken lump of wax, and put it in his pocket.

A lantern light flashed through the trees, shouts were heard, and two men and a woman burst through into the place where we were standing. The woman was Fraulein Wedenkamp. One of the men was Welskopf; the other I recognized later as Herr Emmerich, the director of the giant gun foundry.

They came forward, stopped, and stared at his highness, at me, at the body upon the ground, and at the count, who, standing silent, with folded arms, stared at the man whom he had killed.

"Here is what you sought, Herr Emmerich," said the crown prince, placing the lump of wax in his hands.

The director looked at it, and burst into hysterical exclamations.

"It is useless, your highness," he shouted, with anger in his voice. "It is useless to us. All has gone for nothing."

"Yes, all has gone for nothing," repeated Fraulein Wedenkamp sulkily. I marveled at her self-control, in the presence of the body of her lover.

The crown prince took Herr Emmerich by the arm.

"A short explanation may be in order," he said. "Herr Welskopf, I wish you good evening."

For the second time the financier, taken aback, looked utterly mortified.

"I wish you good evening, mein herr," his highness continued. And Welskopf, with a snort of rage, deliberately turned his back on the crown prince and withdrew.

"You will have the goodness to go straight home, mein herr," the prince called after him. "Now listen, Herr Graf, or perhaps I should rather address you, Herr Graf, since you know nothing of this affair. That lump of wax was an impression of the famous French clavette, the key to the seventy-five mm. Creusot machine gun."

Count von Lindorf raised his dull eyes to the prince's face. "So?" he observed.

"That gave me the key to the situation."

So greatly did this famous gun outbreak that made at the Wedenkamp works that the possession of a model by the German government would almost bring the much-dreaded war upon the stage.

Measuring but 3.2 inches at the muzzle, this deadly little weapon, which some twenty-five thousand were known to exist, had terrorized the German government, and fabulous sums had been spent in the endeavor to discover the secret of its manufacture. One of the features which characterized it was the entire absence of recoil, due to its glycerine jacket.

Its most remarkable feature, however, was this: Whenever, upon the field of battle, it might become necessary to abandon it, by moving a piece dropped apart in such a manner that the secret of its construction could not be discovered.

This was the secret which Paradis was bringing to Fraulein Wedenkamp.

"Captain Paradis received one hundred thousand marks from Herr Welskopf for the betrayal of the secret," continued his highness, fixing his eyes on the prince's face.

"He shot her start convulsively. 'He was bought?'" he cried. "He said—"

"Yes, fraulein," said the crown prince gently, "that was where the man doubly forfeited his honor. Herr Graf, Fraulein Wedenkamp had promised to marry him if he brought her the clavette."

"He did, eh? Well, maybe it was Jimm's fault, and anyhow a boy has to be able to take care of himself now and then."

"No hurry at all."

"Your wife has a muscular affection which renders her speechless. I can cure her, but it will take time. 'Take all the time you want,' responded the mean man.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Experiments in France have shown that sulphur is a valuable soil fertilizer.

he saw was a troop of our cavalrymen riding through Armentieres leading a string of remounts, each remount with a laughing child on its back.

"But it may well happen that in spite of babies, brass hats, brass buttons, and boxing gloves, and playing marbles (one of our divisions told me that one of our divisions told me he had seen six Argyls and Sutherland sergeants playing marbles with shrapnel bullets in some support trenches), the men get bored. Men become 'stale' or get on each

"Then I, by my unlucky shot, have

ruined our hopes of learning the secret," he muttered; and the prince wrested the pistol from his hand just as he was turning it upon his breast. "No, gentlemen," his highness answered, "we have held the secret of the clavette four weeks. It came from other sources. But—the time has not yet arrived."

And we went out and left the lovers together.

ORDERS OF LONG STANDING

Insignia Pertaining to Russian Knight-hood May Be Traced Back for Over Hundred Years.

The orders of St. Anne, St. Stanislaus and St. George are all well-known Russian orders of knighthood.

The order of St. Anne was founded by Charles Frederick, duke of Holstein-Gottorp, in 1735, in honor of his wife, Anna Petrovna, a daughter of Peter the Great, the famous czar, who the remodeled Russia on a European basis, acquired the Baltic provinces in which fighting is at present going on, and founded Petrograd, the capital. It was adopted as a Russian order in 1797 by their grandson, the Emperor Paul. There are four classes.

The order of St. Stanislaus was founded originally as a Polish order by Stanislaus Augustus Poniatowski, the famous king of Poland, in 1765. It was adopted as a Russian imperial order in 1831.

The Military Order of St. George was founded by the Empress Catherine in 1769 for military service on land and sea, with four classes. A fifth and sixth class were added in 1897. The badge is a white cross with gold borders, with a red central medallion, on which is the figure of St. George slaying the dragon. The ribbon is orange with three black stripes.

Ancient Hospitals.

I cannot tell why it is, but the impression exists that hospitals are modern things. On the contrary, they are among the oldest.

Twice as many years before Christ came into the world as there were hospitals for the insane in Egypt. At Sarrat there is in use today a hospital founded three centuries before St. Paul preached his sermon on Mars Hill. There were hospitals all over India long before the world saw the birth of the Christian religion.

Pagan, Buddhist, Christian, Mohammedan alike have had asylums for the sick. When Greek athletes were running their races in the first stadium, Asclepius conducted a hospital not far away.

Leprosy was more of a human scourge in ancient days than it is now, so that it was natural that the first special hospital built in any English-speaking land should be one for lepers in London about eight centuries ago.—"The Historian," in the Kansas City Star.

Alpha Centauri.

Alpha Centauri, the star or sun, which is nearest to the earth of all the fixed stars, is described by a writer as follows:

"One of the most magnificent of the first magnitude stars even to the naked eye, the telescope reveals it all suddenly as two great masses of solar fire, the flames red, yellow and blue, blown upward and outward to the right by the winds of the universe. The great pair of rainbow flames appear to stand out like tangible objects in the depths of infinity, remote spaces many times larger than the naked-eye stars. One in a period of 80 years. It was the most stupendous and awful vision and the most absolutely beautiful that my eyes have ever seen."

Red Shirt of Italy.

The red shirt, destined to become so famous a symbol throughout Europe, was not at first adopted by Garibaldi for any fantastic or spectacular reason. The English Admiral Ingram says that the red shirt had its origin in stern necessity and that its adoption was caused by the need of clothing as economically as possible the legion that Garibaldi had raised for the liberation of Italy. An offer was made by a tradesman to supply at a reduced price a large stock of red woollen shirts. This offer was eagerly accepted. Before many years had passed the red shirt became the symbol not merely of the legion but of the new spirit working for the liberation of Italy.

Poets' Records.

In London there is a cylindrical phonograph record of Robert Browning attempting to recite "The Two Drums." The record is now owned by the British Museum.

Brought the Good News to the Congo. The English Admiral Ingram says that the red shirt had its origin in stern necessity and that its adoption was caused by the need of clothing as economically as possible the legion that Garibaldi had raised for the liberation of Italy. An offer was made by a tradesman to supply at a reduced price a large stock of red woollen shirts. This offer was eagerly accepted. Before many years had passed the red shirt became the symbol not merely of the legion but of the new spirit working for the liberation of Italy.

Hard to Find Fault With a Winner.

"Pa, you've got to take hold of Willie. He's been fighting again."

"He has, has he? I'll show that youngascal that I won't have him coming here all out and bruised. Who licked him this time?"

"He wasn't licked, but he gave Jimmy a terrible black eye."

"He did, eh? Well, maybe it was Jimm's fault, and anyhow a boy has to be able to take care of himself now and then."

No Hurry at All.

"Your wife has a muscular affection which renders her speechless. I can cure her, but it will take time. 'Take all the time you want,' responded the mean man.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Stork and Death Came on Same Day.

Greensburg, Pa.—Jubilant over the arrival of a baby boy in the home of Christ S. Schweinberg was turned to grief when their daughter was burned to death. The arrival of the stork and the death of the girl occurred within 12 hours.

Post Office Robbed Annually.

Lacona, N. Y.—The post office here was robbed recently for the tenth time in ten consecutive years. The thieves escaped with \$2,000 worth of stamps, \$100 in money and \$25 in cash.

ILL LUCK FALLS LIKE AVALANCHE

Ruin Hits Promoter When Wife Comes Back From Supposed Grave.

TELLS TRAGIC STORY

Arrest on Bigamy Charge, Divorce and Loss of Fortune in This Man's Fate—Penniless, He Is Freed From Jail.

New York.—If only a ghost of his first wife had returned from her supposed grave to Samuel B. Wellington, a mining promoter, he never would have been plunged from wealth and happiness into poverty and jail, according to his story. The real Mrs. Maude Windsor Gardner Wellington, shown to her a will for \$200 for a tombstone, remarking that his first wife lay buried in Patagonia, L. I. On her testimony Mrs. Wellington No. 2 obtained an annulment of marriage.

Supposed Divorce Final.

A foreboding of trouble came to Wellington February 16, 1897, the day of his marriage to the first Mrs. Wellington, for she was penniless and, in fact, two days later left his home. Three weeks after the ceremony he saw her for what he believed would be the last time and she left him of her own free will, he declared. Business progressed and he soon was entirely happy again, forgetting almost that he had once lived with his wife for 48 hours. She

obtained an interlocutory decree of divorce from him in June, 1897, he says, and he supposed it would be made final. He never participated in proceedings. As the years passed, and he never heard more of her, he believed that she must be dead. There never had been even an application for alimony.

Wellington forgot what married life was like by 1909, when he met Miss Florence Cushman. In his present application, which obtained his release from jail, he says of her: "I desire to say very little of my second marriage. It was entirely distressing and was very unfortunate for me to have married again."

Ruin Follows Arrest.

His first wife brought a charge of bigamy against him within a month after he married Miss Cushing. He was arrested, which sent his business interests to failure, he declares. According to his story he had lost \$70,000 in 1907 with the stock brokerage firm of Marshall, Spaders & Co. and also a large deposit with the defunct Carnegie Trust company. He was then vice-president of the Bailey Mining and Milling company of Liberty street.

The district attorney's office, after investigating the case, dropped the bigamy charge against Wellington and he was released from jail only long enough for his first wife to obtain his imprisonment for nonpayment of \$705 in alimony due on a belated court order. When freed he had been at Ludlow street for four months and fourteen days. He has no business now, is heavily in debt and has no prospects because of his age, he says.

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JAILS THAT ARE PORTABLE

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Portable jails such as are in use in the Philippines are doubtless lacking in architectural beauty, but they more than make up for this deficiency in usefulness. These one-room "jails," built more for comfort than for permanency, are established at intervals along the government highways of Luzon, and several of the other islands of the archipelago, for the sequestering at night of the convicts who are released by day on the roads. These convicts are farmed out for this purpose from the great Bilibid prison at Manila. The construction of these so-called jails is simple to the extreme; a floor of split bamboo, walls of two or three thin poles bound with barbed wire and a roof of grass thatch.

Possible Explanation.
Charles Smith, the man in No. 23, has just fallen in a faint.
Hedrick Clark, What was the trouble—did you put a clean towel in his room?

As Others See Us.
"I'd have you know, sir," said Winditz, angrily, "that my word is just as good as my bond."
"You're right, Winditz," said the man in the matter with your bond."

And to Others.
"What's all this about the allies' situation in the Balkans?"
"Don't look, child. It's all Greek to me."

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President Wilson Pleads for Preparedness Against Foes Abroad and Within.

MESSAGE READ TO CONGRESS

Larger Army and Navy Urged—Trained Citizens the Nation's Greatest Defense—Disloyal Acts of Foreign-Born Citizens Scored—No Fear of War.

Washington, Dec. 7.—At a joint session of the house and senate the president today delivered his annual message. He said in part as follows:

Since I last had the privilege of addressing you, the state of the world has changed. The war of nations on the other side of the sea, which had then only begun to disclose its portentous proportions, has extended its tentacles and sinister scope until it has swept within its flame some portion of every quarter of the globe, not excepting our hemisphere, has stirred the human mind, and has called upon the people and people have never been called upon to attempt before.

We have stood apart, studiously neutral. It was our manifest duty to do so in the day of reconstruction and recuperation we earnestly hope and believe that we can be of service to the world. In this neutrality, to which they were blind not only by their separate life and their national duties, but also by a clear perception of international duty, the status of America has become conspicuous of the world. We have been called upon to stand apart, but also by a clear perception of international duty, the status of America has become conspicuous of the world. We have been called upon to stand apart, but also by a clear perception of international duty, the status of America has become conspicuous of the world.

Not Hostile Rivals.
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Program for the Navy.
The secretary of the navy is asking also for the immediate addition to the navy of 2,500 apprentices, 1,500 men, and 1,500 women. This increase would be sufficient to care for the ships which are to be completed by the end of the year. It is also necessary that the number of midshipmen at the naval academy at Annapolis should be increased to 1,500. It is also necessary that the number of officers should be increased to 1,500. It is also necessary that the number of officers should be increased to 1,500.

Trade and Shipping.
But armies and instruments of war are only part of what has to be considered in the preparation of the supreme matter of national self-sufficiency and independence in all its aspects. There are other great things which will be thrust upon our attention. There are other great things which will be thrust upon our attention. There are other great things which will be thrust upon our attention.

POSTSCRIPTS
Furniture casters of compressed leather and compressed felt have been invented for use on hardwood floors. Many houses in France are numbered 124, in order to avoid the lucky 13.

the government must be their servant in this matter, must supply them with the training they need to take care of themselves and of the country. The government, which they will not allow to direct them, they will properly use to serve their ends, and put them in jeopardy and not their own independence merely but the rights also of those with whom they have made common cause. They must be fitted to play the great role in the world, and particularly in the struggle for the independence of the world, by principle and by chastened ambition to play.

It is with these ideals in mind that the plans of the department of war for more adequate national defense were conceived which will be laid before you, and which I urge you to accept and put into effect as soon as they can be properly scrutinized and discussed. They seem to me essential to the safety of the nation and to the peace of the world.

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By way of making the country ready to use its own power, I propose to supplement the army by a force of 100,000 disciplined citizens, raised in increments of 25,000 each, over a period of three years. This is proposed to be a process of enlistment under which a select body of the nation's youth would be trained for a period of three months, and then would be discharged, but would be called upon to retrain at intervals of three months, and would be called upon to retrain at intervals of three months, and would be called upon to retrain at intervals of three months.

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MECHAN
A piece of land 12 1/2 rods in size on the corner of what is known as Chamberlain's corner, formerly owned by Mrs. Eugene Chamberlain, has been sold to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Haff for the purpose of erecting a building on the same. Application for same has been made to the town board and immediately after posting of notice the town board has ordered a petition requesting the town board not to grant a license for the purpose of erecting a building on this place. As a result of this petition it shows that about four-fifths of the citizens are opposed to the same. It will now be up to the board to decide the wishes of the people and grant a license or reject the wish of the petition.

MR. and Mrs. A. B. Swenson of Chicago, Illinois, spent part of last week here looking after his real estate interests.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Olson of Andover, Iowa, are spending this week here visiting with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Wolk have their son, Frank, home from the hospital. The boy is the one that had his two fingers blown off and the right arm was destroyed with a dynamite explosion at work.

A representative of the Madison Paper Co. was here last week looking up pulp wood. Timber is rather scarce there being but a few patches left.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Peltz are moving on the old Peltz homestead down on the Plover road. Mrs. Peltz Peltz and her family are moving on the Plover road. Mrs. Peltz Peltz and her family are moving on the Plover road.

PLOVER ROAD
Mrs. Anna Ferguson who is attending Catholic school at Grand Rapids and stayed at the J. A. Lutz home, spent Sunday at home.

Miss Pearl Akoy spent Tuesday evening at the John Donach home.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Moll were called in one neighborhood on Wednesday.

A number from here attended the Ladies Aid society at the Henry Elbert home Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. John Walter spent a few days of last week with Mrs. J. A. Lutz at Grand Rapids.

Miss Mabel Laugel entertained a few of her friends Friday evening in honor of her birthday. Games were played, a fine lunch served and all enjoyed a fine time.

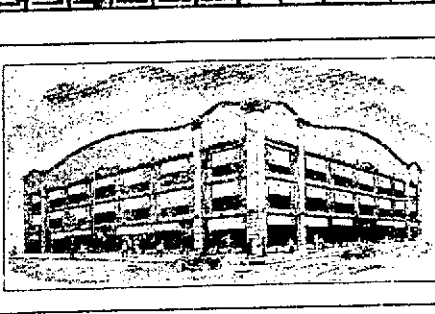
Miss Akoy is preparing a Christmas program which will be given Dec. 22.

In Wood County Court, Wood County, Wisconsin.
In the matter of the estate of Martin Kronholm, deceased.
On reading and filing the petition of Wm. Kronholm, of the town of Sigel, representing among other things that Martin Kronholm, an inhabitant of Wood County, residing in the town of Sigel, on the 25th day of September, A. D. 1914, at said town and county, died in said town and county, and was domiciled within said county of Wood and State of Wisconsin. That the petitioner is a nephew of said deceased, and praying that administration of said estate be granted to him and Wm. Kronholm, said deceased son of said Martin Kronholm, be appointed executor and administrator of said estate, and that the creditors of said deceased shall present their claims against said estate for examination and allowance, he and hereby is fixed and limited to FORTY MONTHS from the date hereof. That all claims and demands against said deceased be received at the Court House at said town of Sigel on any day hereafter until the expiration of said FORTY MONTHS and to be examined and allowed at the Regular Term of said Court in said County, in the City of Grand Rapids, on the First Tuesday of May, 1916, at opening of Court on that day, or as soon thereafter as said petition can be heard, when all concerned may appear.
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That the time within which the creditors of said deceased shall present their claims against said estate for examination and allowance, be and hereby is fixed and limited to FORTY MONTHS from the date hereof. That all claims and demands against said deceased be received at the Court House at said town of Sigel on any day hereafter until the expiration of said FORTY MONTHS and to be examined and allowed at the Regular Term of said Court in said County, in the City of Grand Rapids, on the First Tuesday of May, 1916, at opening of Court on that day, or as soon thereafter as said petition can be heard, when all concerned may appear.
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That notice be given to all persons interested, by publication hereof for three successive weeks in the Grand Rapids Tribune, a newspaper published in said County, the first publication to be made within three days of the date hereof. Dated December 11th, A. D. 1915.
By the Court:
W. J. Conway, County Judge.
J. J. Jeffrey, Atty. for Estate.

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Cut Glass Bon Bon dishes, \$1.60, \$1.50, \$1.40, \$1.25, \$1.15, \$1.00
Cut Glass Spoon Trays, \$2.50, \$2, \$1.65, and \$1.35
Cut Glass Water Sets, consisting of one pitcher and six glasses, per set, \$20, \$10 and \$8.50
Cut Glass Bowls, \$6.50, \$5, \$4.50, and \$3.50
Cut Glass Sugar and Cream sets, \$5, \$4.50, \$3.50, \$2.50 and \$1.50
Cut Glass salt and pepper sets, per pair, \$1.65 and \$1.00

What Shall I Give?

A Thousand Answers to the Gift Question
Careful thought and extensive plans were given to the preparation of this store for Christmas shoppers. Every effort has been exerted to be helpful in every way but the principal advantages to the gift collector are these--
Attractive Displays—Wide Assortments
Clean New Merchandise, arranged for easy choosing
Moderate Prices that assure the best values

We have made it easy for you to answer the perplexing question, "What shall I give?" in every case with something appropriate, something acceptable, something of lasting merit---and all of it at lowest prices consistent with quality.

Carpet Section
Third Floor.

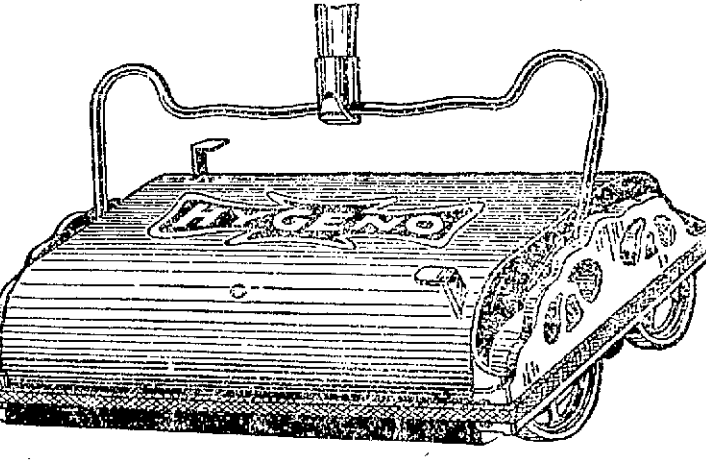


Cedar Chests and Shirt Waist Boxes—Cedar Chests make very desirable gifts and are very practical. We have a nice line of natural finish chests, metal bound at \$15.00, \$11.50 & \$9.75
Matted covered shirt waist boxes, 36 inches long, very desirable gifts at \$3.25
French Rep covered Shirt Waist Boxes in a good assortment of fast color tapestry patterns. These boxes are paneled with either white enamel or mahogany finished strips. 27 inch boxes \$3.00, 30 inch boxes \$3.50, 36 inch boxes \$4.00, 40 inch boxes \$4.75, 45 inch boxes \$5.50 and 48 inch boxes at \$6.00

98c A - Great - Opportunity 98c
TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS OFFER

We have been extremely fortunate in securing 150 High Grade Steel Carpet Sweepers, exactly as illustrated. We are so enthused with this An Advertising Special, serviceable household necessity, we have decided to make this An Advertising Special, profit not to be considered.
Every one of these Sweepers bear our firm name and we are willing that you have one in your home at a third of its actual value. A \$3 00 article at 98c

This Is a One Day Event.
Sale Starts
Saturday Morning,
Dec. 18th,
At 9 O'clock.



Made of Steel,
Light in Weight,
But Very Strong,
Handsome Sweepers,
Having Beautiful
Mahogany Baked
Enamel Finished
and Nickel
Trimmings.
Strictly
Sanitary.

See Big Window Display---Be Here On Time.
150 will not last very long. Be one of the early birds. We assure you 98c was never better spent with a bigger buying power. This is purely an advertising sale. Our name in your home is our profit. The Biggest Household Bargain Ever Offered.
One to a Customer. No Phone or C. O. D. Orders Filled.

A Glimpse Into Toyland

A glimpse into our Toyland will convince you that we have the most wonderful line of toys in this section of the state---all moderately priced.

Games.
Our stock of games far surpasses anything we have ever shown. In this showing will be found such games as checker boards, base ball, fish ponds, dissected maps, ping pong, around the world, India, automobile race, Tip Tip, bowling match, dominoes, steeple chase, Ludo, spelling boards, ten pins and many others. Prices ranging from \$5.00 down to 5c

Carrom and Archery.
The game board for the old and young for pastime these long winter nights. Prices range \$5.00, \$4.75, \$3.50, \$2.50, \$2.00 with full equipments.

Baseball, a good indoor game for boys or girls. Large square board, well finished, full directions and equipment for playing baseball and other games, each \$4.75

American Hunter, a real shooting game, equipped with harmless cork ammunition, set complete \$1.35

Marble Zig Zag, new fun and skill. A game that can be played by any number, full set of directions on cover, game complete \$1.15

Giant Soldiers with air rifle and rubber cork ammunition, nine heavy card board soldiers in bright color uniform complete \$1.25

Fish Ponds.
Fish ponds complete with pond, fish and line 25c

Dreamland—Wonder Resort game with full directions 35c

Target—The great family amusement game with rubber tipped vacuum arrow and pistol 50c

Marble tunnel game, played with marbles, complete with directions 45c

Structural steel and electro-mechanical builder, educational instructive and amusing for the boy. Book of directions in each box instructing the boy how to build the different models.
No. 0, has 98 parts, makes 69 models, complete 50c
No. 1 has 140 parts, makes 88 models, complete \$1.00
No. 2 has 205 parts, makes 120 models, complete \$2.00
No. 3, has 345 parts, makes 176 models, complete \$3.00
No. 4, has 571 parts, makes 207 models, complete \$5.00

Mechanical Toys
Largest assortment of Mechanical Toys ever shown in Grand Rapids. Dancing boy and girl, jiggling coons, merry-go-rounds, balking mules hitched to carts, ducks, sheep and many others, ranging in prices at \$1.50, \$1.25, \$1.00, 75c, 60c, 50c, 35c, and 25c.

Toy Watches
Toy watches with chain, stem wind 25c, 15c and 10c.

Automatic Sand Toy
Car automatically filled from hopper takes incline, dumps and returns to top, each 60c

Johnson & Hill Co. Grocery Dep't

From now until Christmas.
A List of good goods Cheap.

10c Cranberries the lb.....	8c	Peas, Sifted per can.....	7c
Peanuts the lb.....	9c	Mince Meat per package.....	8c
Mixed Nuts, good the lb.....	12c	Calumet or K. C. Baking Powder 25c cans.....	19c
Good Mixed Candy, the lb.....	7c	6 bars Electric Spark Soap for.....	21c
Corn, Sweet per can.....	7c	Extra Good Rice the lb.....	7c
Grand Mas Washing Powder, large package.....	11c		

FARMERS—We are headquarters for all kinds of Feed for your stock. Get your feed from us. You get the best and Save Money.

Santa Claus Will Arrive Saturday Afternoon, December 18th, at 2:30

We invite every little boy and girl in Grand Rapids and vicinity to be at our store to meet him. He will have a present for every child, so be sure to be there on time.